

## Looking for a job in your favourite theme park?

How to run a theme park that is risk-free: Just one of the topics covered by a new Diploma in Resort Facilities Services and Management, launched yesterday by the Singapore Polytechnic.

The diploma course will teach graduates how to manage the risks involved in maintaining resorts, amusement parks and large buildings such as airport terminals, hotels, hospitals and malls.

There is a growing need for such skills because well-managed facilities lead to higher performance

levels and cost savings, said Mr Steven Ee, managing director of solutions provider FMS Associates Asia.

To cater to the expanding tourism industry and the two upcoming integrated resorts, students will also be trained in mechanical, electrical and building services. Upon graduation, they can look forward to filling positions such as technology officer, facilities manager, executive safety officer and chief engineer.

Singapore Polytechnic also signed a Memorandum of

Cooperation with the Building and Construction Authority Academy, to share expertise and conduct cross teaching. Students can also expect internship opportunities here and in Australia, as part of the industrial attachment programme.

Separately, the BCA Academy is introducing a Diploma Programme in Mechanical Engineering, with a specialisation in Green Building Technologies. Students will be taught to do energy auditing, energy diagnostics and indoor air quality assessment. — JINNY KOH

## 'She stabbed me at least 7 times'

### Court told of jilted woman's angry reaction

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ANGRY that he was not going to submit to her demand for a \$30,000 "separation fee", Eu Lim Hoklai's jilted China lover stabbed him in the stomach at least seven times.

While trying to grab the knife from Madam Yu Hongjin, Eu strangled the masseuse and stabbed her. Eu, 54, who is on trial for the murder of Mdm Yu, 30, told police that was what happened on June 18, 2006 at her Ang Mo Kio massage parlour.

Eu's first statement to retired policeman Senior Station Inspector (SSI) Yam Tong Loong, which involved a blow-by-blow account, was read out in court yesterday.

The court heard how the seafood stall owner had lied about going to the market to exchange his supplies. But in reality, while his wife and three daughters waited at home to celebrate Father's Day, he went to confront his mistress about a third party in their year-old affair.

Eu claimed Mdm Yu tried to extort \$30,000 from him but he told her he had no money. He also told her he did not want her to return the money that he had given her to buy over the massage business, and that he would never visit the shop again.

When he tried to leave, he said, she grabbed him from behind and plunged a knife into his abdomen four times.

He spun around, pushed her against the wall and tried to disarm her. In the struggle, he stabbed her in the stomach a few times.

Then, he pushed her onto the massage bed and strangled her with his hands. He claimed she stabbed him another three or four times.

At one point during the struggle, he used one hand to answer a phone call from one of his daughters and asked for help. He fainted shortly after.

During cross-examination, defence lawyer Subhas Anandan questioned SSI Yam on whether Eu had been fit to give his statement less than 24 hours after surgery for stab wounds.

Mr Subhas also asked SSI Yam and two police interpreters who took the stand if they had checked that his client was feeling well enough.

It led Justice Kan Ting Chiu to ask: "Is there any standing order that before you take any statement, you check with the doctor or senior nursing officials ... whether the accused is in a condition for you to do that?"

When SSI Yam said no, the judge asked the prosecution: "Don't you think it would be a good idea?"

The hearing has been adjourned to March 24. If convicted, Eu faces the death penalty.

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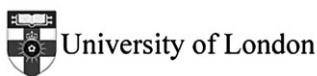
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Speaker: Ms Rosemary Gosling, Director, LSE External Study

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## SINGAPORE SNIPPETS

### MORE ARRESTED FOR CIGARETTE SMUGGLING

Singapore Customs' anti-cigarette-smuggling campaign, which targeted both illegal suppliers and buyers of contraband, led to the arrest of more than 23,000 people last year – a 153-per-cent jump from 2006.

Of the 23,422 people arrested for cigarette offences last year, 22,108 had their offences compounded.

Another 1,314 were charged in court. Those found guilty faced court fines of up to 20 times the duty and GST evaded, or \$10,000, and/or imprisonment.

The department attributed the high success rate to stepped-up operations around the island to curtail both the supply and demand for contraband, as well as stringent checks at Singapore's entry checkpoints.

### NOT ALL PROBLEM GAMBLERS COMPLETE TREATMENT

Only a third of problem gamblers who ended treatment at two specialist centres successfully completed it. The rest did not return for further help or felt they no longer needed it.

The two centres – run by Thye Hua Kwan Moral Society and Care Corner Counselling Centre – saw 190 gamblers over a one-year period ending last September. In all, 93 per cent were male, 42 per cent were in their 30s and 58 per cent were married.

It was also announced yesterday that under the Casino Control Act, those people who would come under Third Party Exclusion are undischarged bankrupts and recipients of public assistance. There are two other forms of exclusion – Voluntary Self-Exclusion and Family Exclusion.